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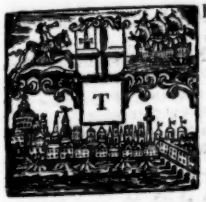
From my own APARTMENT.

Est Modus in Rebus——



HERE is no Doctrine of more Importance, nor that has need to be more frequently insisted on, to Persons of all Ranks and Degrees in Life, than that of *Moderation*. In *Religion*, *Politicks*, and *Philosophy*, we hear it continually inculcated by the Professors of each Science; and I cannot help thinking it might be to Advantage a little more thought of in the *Beau Monde*, among the *Gay*, the *Young*, the *Fair*, and the *Polite*. I have an Opportunity, by the Assistance of my *Correspondents*, of recommending it this Day in some few *obvious Particulars*. It would give me Pleasure if I could often thus throw together Variety of Opinions upon *similar Subjects*; for which Reason I sometimes keep *short Letters*, that do not, by their Nature, require immediate Notice, 'till I receive others that *agree with*, *oppose*, or may help to *explain* them.

To HENRY STONECASTLE, *Esq*;

Mr. SPECTATOR,

THE Proposal you publish'd some time ago, about setting out the *Posts* wider in the Streets of *London*, did to me, at first, appear so *reasonable*, that I expected your Hint would have been immediately taken, and that we should have had an *Act of Parliament* before now for the Benefit of our *Hoops*: But having waited 'till so great a Part of the *Session* is over, and understanding that no *Bill* has been brought in, or *Motion* made, to that Purpose, I begin to despair of seeing any *Relief* given us this Winter. I am resolv'd therefore to have Recourse to *my own Temper*, for the Redress of that Grievance which the *Law* will not remove; and since the *Posts* will not give way to my *Hoop*, my *Hoop* shall give way to the *Posts*. In a Word, I have just now taken away a full *Yard and a Half* of the Circle, which reduces it, as the Mode now goes, to a *very moderate* Size. And indeed, upon second Consideration, I see no Reason why we should take up *more Room* than our *Mothers* and *Grandmothers*, who were in the general full as *jolly* as we are of the present Age. I shall observe the same *Moderation* in all other Parts of my *Dress*; not doubting, but by always submitting to be *under*, I shall be eas'd from that *Anxiety* which formerly attended me while I aimed to be at the *Top of the Fashion*.

I am, &c.

MARGARET EASY.

The only Way in the World to live *happy*, is by giving Way to *Necessity*, and retrenching in *Idea* what we cannot obtain in *Fact*. I am glad the *Sturdiness* of the *Posts*, and the *Neglect* of the *Legislature* in a Point that so nearly concerns her, has made *one Female Convert* to this Opinion. Under her Sanction I would venture humbly to *move* (submitting always however to *superior Judgment*) that the full *natural Length* of any Lady, from *Crown* to *Heel*, Head-dress and Shoes not included, shall, from this Time, be deem'd sufficient for the *Width of her Hoop*; and this I guess to be now pretty near Mrs. *Easy's Standard*; though I should be glad to know that *exactly* from Herself.

To the AUTHOR *of the* UNIVERSAL SPECTATOR.

Mr. STONECASTLE,

YOU have at Times said so much in Favour of *Theatrical Entertainments*, and given us so many beautiful *Extracts* from them, that I must own your Opinion, added to the Authority of the *Old Spectator* and *Tatler*, contributed much to make me first indulge my *natural Inclination* of frequenting them. Being a *single Man*, and of a Business that did not then confine me to a *Shop*, I gave myself up so entirely to this *Diversion*, that seldom did a Night of Performance pass and I was not present at *one*, nay frequently at *both* the Houses. As by this Means I kept out of *Drinking* and *Company*, I cannot find that the *Expences* did me any great Harm. In the Summer I indulg'd the same Humour at *Vauxhall*, and the other Places of like Intent; where the *Cost* rarely exceeded the Price of *Admission*. But the Misfortune I did not *foresee* was, that by a Round of three or four Years in this Manner, the *Habit* grew too strong upon me: I could not renounce it upon the *Change* of my *Condition*, when I sat up in the *selling Part* of my Business.

A Year or two of *Experience* however has convinc'd me, that this *Course of Pleasure*, so well suited to the Life of a *private Artisan* and a *Batchelor*, is not at all compatible with a *married Man* and a *Shopkeeper*. My Fortune is not yet greatly hurt, but I perceive it will continue to *waste* unless I *refrain*: Wherefore I am determin'd to visit the *Theatre* but *once a Week* during *Winter*, and the *Gardens* but *once or twice* each in the whole *Summer*, 'till it becomes *indifferent* to me whether I frequent them at all.

I am, &c.

WILLIAM CAUTIOUS.

Mr. *Cautious* has certainly taken a most commendable Method. Such a Round of *Theatrical Pleasures* as he talks of having pass'd thro', can suit only a Person of *great Leisure* and *easy Fortune*. That he had the *first* I make no Question in the Days of his *Celibacy*, but that he sufficiently regarded the *latter* does not appear to me so manifest. Be that however as it will, I am sure that at present the Increase of *Domestic Duties* ought to abridge those Hours of *Negligence*, which might before be excusable. I am not for advising him entirely to avoid those *necessary Relaxations*, which help to *recruit* the Spirits wasted with Fatigue: The *Excess* only is culpable, and constitutes the *Vice* in most human Enjoyments.

A-propos to this Reflection, I cannot help inserting a short *Billet* which I receiv'd the other Day from an old *Intimate*, who, from being for many Years the *first* and *last* in our Club, and the most *industrious* Man of the whole Company, has taken it in his Head, all at once, to leave off both *Wine* and *Tobacco*. His Words are as follow:

'Faith, *Harry*, I have won your *Wager*. I have 'absolutely kept my Word above this Fortnight, 'and am resolv'd to persevere. Not but that I could 'willingly conform to a *single Pipe*, and a *single Pint*, 'and own I long for it every Evening: But the D—l 'of all is, I have *no Medium*; and therefore must 'grow a *perfect Anchorite*, in order to avoid the being 'a *perfect Bacchanalian*.'

Yours, T. C.

The Case of this Friend is certainly very much to be pitied, if his *Strength* be really as little as he represents it. He not only debars himself of any Taste of the *Creature*, but even of that *Conversation* in which he formerly delighted, because he would be entirely out of the Way of *Temptation*. Tho' the *Resolution* he has taken therefore be much better than the continuing in any Degree of *Excess*; it is far from being equal to the *Virtue* he seems to wish for, the Power of enjoying *only so much* as in his retir'd Hours he thinks would be *agreeable* to his *Constitution*. But I am in great Hopes, when he has a little while try'd this *perfect Abstinence*, and finds himself sufficient Master of his *Appetites*, he may venture again to come among us upon his *own Terms*; which would be very *agreeable* to the whole Society.

My last Letter seems to be from some critical *old Maiden*, who is full severe in her Censures. She must excuse this Conjecture, which is founded only on some *few* of her Expressions; the rest of her Remarks being undoubtedly *just*, and entirely consistent with that *Mean* which is the Beauty of all Action. But I could not help distinguishing the little Mixture of *Envy* from the *Truths* that every one must approve.

To the AUTHOR *of the* UNIVERSAL SPECTATOR.

SIR,

I Have often wonder'd, that among your many Panegyricks on, and Commendations of *Conjugal Tenderness* and *Affection*, you have not animadverted more on the open *Affectation* of those Virtues which prevails between many a Couple. The continual *Oglings*, *Squeezings*, *Slabberings*, *Lispings*, *My Dearies*, and *My Loves*, that one meets with in *some Families* which I could name, are enough to *turn the Stomach* of any reasonable Creature. If the *Men* can be so *indecent*, I wonder the *Women*, who ought to have more *Modesty*, are not asham'd of themselves. It is not only among *young* People that I have observ'd these *Enormities*, but even between those who have been married for *Years*, and have had Time enough to *wean* themselves of the Honey-Season: Nay, I have seen it join'd with the most exalted *Professions* of *Religion*; to which I am sure such *Carnalities* are utterly contrary.

For young *Girls*, who are entirely ignorant of the World, to suffer themselves to be *kiss'd* and *tows'd* by Fellows, is odious enough. I *loath* all such Sights, and heartily reprove the *Hussies* where-ever I see them. For my own Part, since I was *fourteen* Years of Age, I have ever conceiv'd such an Aversion to those *Practices*, that I would spit in the Face of that Man who offer'd to kiss me in *Publick*. But Times are *abominably* chang'd, and the Girls are quite degenerated within these *twenty* Years, when I was one of the Number. I hope, Mr. *Stonecastle*, you entirely agree with me in *abhorring* all these forward Doings; and that you will communicate your *Sentiments* of them (accompanied, if you please, with *this Letter*) to the Publick. By complying with which Request you will very much oblige

Your humble Servant,
And constant Reader,
SARAH SHY.

When Mrs. *Shy* insinuates that she is not above *Forty*, by telling us she was a Girl twenty Years ago, I fansy she *takes to herself* a few Years; which is an Expression proper to be used when any one of the Fair *subtracts* from her real Age; it being true in Fact, according to M. *Fontenelle's* Opinion, that an unmarried Lady may be justly said to *get* what she *loses* in this Article. I should not judge so *hardly*, had I any other Way to account for such Words as *Hussies*, *loath*, *odious*, *abhor*, *Carnalities*, and many more of like Gentleness: Nor indeed would this be sufficient to satisfy me, if I had not, at the same Time, Liberty to *guess* that my Correspondent's *Suitors* were not much more *numerous* twenty Years ago than at present, and that she never had any Opportunity of *spitting* in a great many Mens Faces.

In the reſt of her Reflections, as I before hinted, I entirely *agree* with the Lady: I have ſeen myſelf Abundance of thoſe *over-fond* Couples before Folks, whoſe Behaviour, I thought, would be much more *becoming* had it been more *reſerv'd*. The *Rites of Love* I look upon as too ſacred to be ſo far *expos'd* as I have beheld them; and yet, methinks, ſomething of a *Softneſs* and more *tender affability* is amiable in *Wedlock* than ſhould be elſewhere expected.——But, as I am an *old Batchelor* myſelf, I will not be too diſtinct upon *theſe Matters*.—Let me only repeat it, in general, that in all *Conditions* and *Actions* the MEAN IS THE BEST.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Conſtantinople, Jan. 7. The Porte's Silence in regard to the Affairs of Perſia, ſince the raiſing of the Siege of Moſul, made us ſuſpect that the Conſequences of that Advantage were not ſo favourable as was given out. It was ſaid that, after this Diſappointment, Shah Nadir retired into Perſia with his whole Army, abandoning the Conqueſts he had made: But at laſt we have receiv'd certain Advice that he remain'd with all his Forces on the Ottoman Territories, and that he has begun to form the Siege of Babylon, which his Troops had kept block'd up for ſeveral Months together. Theſe are the Particulars we have learn'd on this Occaſion.

After Shah Nadir had been join'd by the Troops that were repuls'd before Moſul, he march'd with all his Men to the Camp before Babylon, which he reinforc'd to the Number of 150,000 Men, in order to puſh on the Siege with the utmoſt Vigour: Then he began his March with a Body of 30,000 light Troops, in order to viſit the Prophet Ali's Tomb, which is but two Days Journey from Babylon. It was thought that his Deſign was to march towards Mecca; but he turn'd off ſuddenly towards Sigirla, which he is now fortifying, becauſe it is the only Paſſage by which the Turks can march to the Relief of Babylon. He has alſo poſted between 40 and 50,000 Men at Kerkut and Ervel, where there are large Magazines.

The Porte flatter'd herſelf that the Proclamation of the pretended Shah Rade, deſcended from the antient Sophis of Perſia, would have had a good Effect, and that the Dagheſtan Tartars would have taken up Arms for him; but all theſe Hopes are vaniſh'd: Shah Nadir is more reſpected and better ſettled on the Throne than ever he was before. Shah Rade is actually at Kars, where it is fear'd he will be ſurpriz'd by Shah Nadir's Nephew, who is coming from Perſia with a new Army.

P. S. We are this Moment inform'd that an Expreſs is arriv'd from Babylon, with Advice that that City is reduced to the laſt Extremities. If it falls into the Hands of the Perſians, the Turks will have nothing left on that Side but the Fortreſs of Moſul and the City of Baſtra, both which are block'd up by the Shah's Troops. The Seraſkier of Diarbekir, who had Orders to march to Moſul, has not been able to execute them, becauſe he met with ſuperior Forces on the Route.

Madrid, Jan. 28. The Court has receiv'd Letters from Brigadier Don Francis Cagigal de la Vega, Governor of the City of Cuba in America, adviſing, among other Things, that the Privateers of that Place had lately brought in fourteen Engliſh Ships, ſome of which were richly laden. We expected to get ſome Intelligence concerning the Galleons in the ſaid Letters, but preſume, that if they brought any the Court keeps it ſecret.

Madrid, Feb. 3. A very unlucky Affair happen'd here laſt Week, which has made a great deal of Noiſe, and is like to make a good deal more. A Serjeant, with a Party of eight Invalids under his Command, were carrying to Priſon a Couple of Deſerters, and in their Way paſs'd by the French Embaſſador's Door; upon which one of the Footmen immediately call'd out to him, *Hearke ye, Blockhead, don't you know that this Palace belongs to an Embaſſador, and that you have no Right to carry any Priſoner this Way?* The Serjeant was for moving on without making a Word of Anſwer; but his Excellency's Footmen came running out, and would needs ſet the Deſerters at Liberty. The Serjeant diſputed the Matter very gravely; but finding he had a Dozen or Fourteen upon his Hands, and that there were already ſeveral Swords drawn, he order'd one of the Soldiers to fire, who unluckily kill'd one of his Excellency's Poſtillions. He then carry'd the Deſerters to Priſon, and went next with the Soldier, who kill'd the Man, and took Sanctuary in a Church; from whence they were dragg'd next Day, upon the Complaint of the French Miniſter, by Order of the Court. The poor Serjeant is ſentenced to be hang'd, and the Soldier to ſuffer five Years Impriſonment, after aſſiſting at the Execution. The Biſhop of Rennes, however, has deſir'd the Serjeant's Execution may be reſpited 'till the Return of a Courier from his Court. On the other Hand, the Council of War have preſented a Memorial to the King, ſetting forth, that the Soldier is abſolutely innocent, ſince he did no more than what was his Duty; and that as to the Serjeant, that he had only preſerr'd Diſcipline to Decorum, which was a Miſtake, that, in their humble Opinion, ought not to bring him within the Circle of a Halter; eſpecially in the Midſt of a War, which, without Diſcipline, it was impoſſible for his Majeſty to ſupport.

Warſaw, Feb. 7. The Poliſh Senators that aſſembled at Leopold with a View to compromiſe the Diſputes between Prince Radzivil and the Palatine of Sandomer, have at laſt ſeparated without being able to reconcile them: The Palatine abſolutely refuſes to evacuate the Lands belonging to the Succeſſion of the late King James Sobieſki, which he occupies, but which have been adjudg'd to Prince Radzivil by the Grand Tribunal of the Kingdom.

Vienna, Feb. 15. The Duke of Aremberg is ſet out for Bruſſels, from whence he is to go to the Hague, and then to London, in order to communicate to both Courts a Plan of Operations for the approaching Campaign, which is ſaid to be that left by the late Veldt-Marſhal Kevenhuller. This Plan takes in the Operations in Italy, on the Rhine and in Flanders.

Naples, Feb. 4. The King has iſſued Orders for all the Troops, that are not wanted at home, to march to the Frontiers of the Eccleſiaſtick State, to the End that they may meet half Way any Power that might attempt to diſturb the Neutrality which his Majeſty obſerves.

Legorn, Feb. 8. All the late Accounts of a final Accommodation between the Genoeſe and the Corſicans appear to be falſe: It is true, indeed, that both Parties are endeavouring at one; but the Corſicans cannot agree among themſelves about the Conditions of it.

Turin, Feb. 4. The laſt Advices we receiv'd from Admiral Matthews ſay, that he had been reinforc'd by ſix large Ships, and expected ſix more every Day; after which his Fleet would conſiſt of 34 Ships of the Line, and 14 Frigates, &c.

Genoa, Feb. 8. Letters from Nice ſay, that the Piedmonteze are actually 15,000 ſtrong in that County, excluſive of Garriſons; and that Admiral Matthews has left five Frigates at Villafranca, under the Command of the Marqueſs de Sylva, Governor of that Town.

We hear from Marſeilles, that they are equipping eight Gallies in that Port, with all poſſible Diligence, in order to join the Toulon Squadron.

Ancona, Feb. 11. One of the Engliſh Men of War that cruized off this Port, forced her Way into the Harbour the 5th Inſtant, in ſpite of the Precautions taken to prevent it. The Officers came aſhore and went into the City, follow'd by Crowds of People, who made the Air ring with Acclamations of *Long live the Queen of Hungary and all her Friends.* The Engliſh Officers having found a Veſſel in the Harbour freighted with Proviſions for Count Gage's Army, they oblig'd the Crew to land all the Cargo on the Key, otherwiſe they ſhould ſink the Veſſel.

Paris, Feb. 15. M. Amelot lately made the following Declaration to Mr. Thompſon, Miniſter of Great Britain: 'The King, my Maſter, has order'd me to 'declare to you, that in caſe the Spaniſh Ships, 'which propoſe to ſail out of his Ports, ſhould be 'attack'd, his Men of War had Orders to defend 'them. You may communicate this Reſolution to 'your Court.' Mr. Thompſon has ſent a Courier to London with this Declaration.

Paris, Feb. 21. We have receiv'd Advice from Toulon that the combin'd Fleets of France and Spain weigh'd Anchor the 12th Inſtant; but after they had got out of the Baſon into the great Road the Wind turn'd againſt them, ſo that they were oblig'd to drop Anchor at the Entrance of the Road.

Bruſſels, Feb. 24. The 22d Inſtant a grand Council of War was held at General Honeywood's, wherein it was reſolv'd to fill in all haſte the Magazines of Mons, Ath, and St. Guiſlain. The Officers of the Garriſon of Luxembourg have Orders not be abſent upon any Account without expreſs Leave. The French Troops increaſe every Day on the Frontiers.

IRELAND.

Dublin, Feb. 11. Laſt Thurſday his Grace the Duke of Devonſhire went in State to Parliament, and gave the Royal Aſſent to ſeveral publick and private Bills; after which he put an End to the Seſſion by a moſt gracious Speech, and then prorogued the Parliament to Thurſday the 1ſt of March next.

On Tueſday laſt the Right Hon. the Lord Viſcount Moleſworth was married to Miſs Uſher, Daughter of the Rev. Archdeacon Uſher, a young Lady of great Beauty, fine Accompliſhments and a large Fortune.

Laſt Week died at his Seat at Brittas, in the County of Tipperary, Col. John Grace.

A few Days ago died the Rev. Mr. Thomas Barton, who was Miniſter of Rathool in the County of Wicklow, a Gentleman of an exceeding good Character, who hath left 20 l. a Year for ever towards the Maintenance of 12 poor Boys in the ſaid Pariſh, that are to be brought up in the Proteſtant Religion.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Feb. 13. Friday laſt died of a Fever, in the Seventy-ſecond Year of his Age, the Right Hon. John (Fleming) Earl of Wigtoun, Lord Fleming and Cumbernauld, his Majeſty's Chamberlain for the County of Fife, &c. To draw a Character of his Lordſhip, we need only reflect on thoſe Virtues which make Life eaſy to ourſelves and others: He was remarkably humane and affable; and, if we add that truly Noble Air and Mein which diſtinguiſh'd his Lordſhip, the ancient Character of our illuſtrious Foreſathers, will immediately preſent itſelf to our View. He was thrice married; firſt to the Daughter of the Earl of Balcarras, by whom no Iſſue ſurvives; next to the Daughter of the Earl Marſhal of Scotland, by whom he has Lady Clementina, married to Mr. Charles Elphingſton; and laſt to a Daugher of the deceas'd George Lockhart of Carnwath, Eſq; who ſurvives him, but by whom he has no Iſſue. The Honours and Eſtate, which are truly ancient, being created Earls by King Robert Bruce, deſcend to the Hon. Charles Fleming his Brother German, now Earl Wigtoun.

LONDON.

His Majeſty having on Wedneſday ſe'nnight ſent a Meſſage to the Houſe of Lords, ſign'd with his own Hand, acquainting them, that he had receiv'd undoubted Intelligence that the Pretender's eldeſt Son was arriv'd in France, and that Preparations were making there for invading this Kingdom, in concert with diſaffected Perſons here, &c. Yeſterday ſe'nnight the Lord Chancellor, the Houſe of Lords, with the Right Hon. the Speaker of the Houſe of Commons, and a great Number of Members of that Houſe, waited on his Majeſty at St. James's with their Addreſs, to which he was pleas'd to return the following moſt gracious Anſwer:

'*My Lords and Gentlemen*,

'I thank you heartily for this zealous and affectio-
'nate Addreſs. I make no Doubt but the Vigour
'and Unanimity which you have expreſs'd on this
'Occaſion, will, by the Bleſſing of God, enable Me
'to defeat the evil Deſigns of Our Enemies; and you
'may be aſſur'd, that no Care or Precaution has
'been, or ſhall be, wanting on my Part for the De-
'fence and Welfare of My Kingdoms.'

We hear that Orders are ſent to Flanders for all his Majeſty's Servants, and the Horſes and Baggage uſed laſt Year by his Majeſty in Germany, to return to England.

Laſt Week General Wentworth ſet out for Holland, and, 'tis ſaid, his Commiſſion is to ſollicit the 6000 Dutch Forces they are bound by Treaties to aſſiſt us with if we are invaded.

Directions have been given to the Militia of the County of Kent, to aſſemble on the firſt Notice, in order to oppoſe any Attempts on the Coaſt.

It is ſaid three Camps will be form'd with all Expedition, viz. one on the Kentiſh Coaſt, another on the Suſſex, and the third on the Hampſhire; the firſt to conſiſt of Foot only, the other two of Horſe and Foot.

The Lords of the Admiralty have order'd the Newark, a third Rate Man of War, of 80 Guns, to be built with all Expedition at Chatham.

Laſt Tueſday the Court of Lieutenancy of this City waited on the King with their Addreſs on the preſent Poſture of Affairs, which was graciouſly receiv'd, and his Majeſty was pleaſed to confer the Honour of Knighthood on Charles Eggleton, Eſq; and William Smith, Eſq; late Sheriffs of this City, and James Creed, Eſq;

On Sunday M. Ringſwich, Embaſſador from the King of Sweden, arriv'd at his Houſe in Hanover-Square.

The Poſt-Maſter-General has been pleas'd to appoint Edmond Barham, Eſq; Accomptant-General, in the room of John Searle, Eſq; deceas'd.

Monday the Board of Ordnance appointed Mr. Leander to be Superintendant Clerk of his Majeſty's Stores at Greenwich, Deptford and Woolwich; a Place of great Profit.

A few Days ſince died at Paris Sir Thomas Aſton, of Aſton in the County of Cheſter, Bart. He was elected Member of Parliament for Liverpool 1 Geo. II. and in the laſt Parliament was choſe for the Borough of St. Alban's in Hertfordſhire. He was of a very ancient Family, and deſcended from Gilbert de Aſton, Lord of Aſton in Cheſhire, in the Reign of Henry II. and the Family have reſided there ever ſince, and were remarkably loyal in the Reign of King Charles I. when Sir Arthur Aſton was Governor of Oxford for the King, and afterwards barbarouſly murder'd at Tredagh in Ireland by the Rebels on the Surrender of that Town; and Sir Thomas Aſton, Great Grandfather of the late Sir Thomas, was unfortunately beaten by Sir William Brereton's Party near Namptwich in 1642; tho' he eſcap'd then, yet he was afterwards taken at another Skirmiſh in Staffordſhire and carry'd Priſoner to Stafford, where endeavouring to eſcape, a Soldier eſpying him gave him a Blow on the Head, with which, and his other Wounds, he fell into a Fever, and died at Stafford 1645. He married in March 1735-6, the Daughter of —— Siſhe, Eſq; but ſhe dying in May 1737, without Iſſue he is ſucceeded in the Dignity by his firſt Couſin, now Sir Wilughby Aſton, Bart. eldeſt Son of the late Richard Aſton, of Wadley in Berks, Eſq; by Elizabeth his Wife, Daughter of John Warren, of Oxfordſhire, Eſq; and an Eſtate of 4000 l. per Annum falls to his eldeſt Siſter, the Lady of the Rev. and Hon. Henry Hervey, one of the Sons of the Right Hon. the Earl of Briſtol, and Rector of Shotley in Suffolk.

Letters from Bruſſels adviſe, that on the 8th Inſtant, N. S. died there, of an Inflammation in his Lungs, Capt. James Saunders, a Captain in General Onſlow Regiment of Foot: He was eſteem'd a good Officer, and was greatly belov'd by the Soldiers.

Laſt Week died, after a ſhort Illneſs, at the Parſonage Houſe at Marſham in Kent, the Rev. Henry Archer, D. D. Rector of that Pariſh, and Vicar of Feverſham. His Widow is the only ſurviving Child of the Rev. Dr. Stanhope, late Dean of Canterbury. The Archbiſhop is Patron of Merſham, and Feverſham is in the Gift of the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight died Sir John Groſvenor, who was Sheriff of London with Sir Thomas Lombe; but having had Misfortunes, was at his Death a Penſioner in the Charterhouſe.

Laſt Saturday Morning died at his Lodgings in St. Margaret's Church-Yard, the Rev. Mr. John Abbot, one of the Prieſts in Ordinary of his Majeſty's Chapels Royal, in which he had two Places. He likewiſe was one of the Canons of St. Paul's, and of St. Peter's Weſtminſter, and Vicar of Mucking in Eſſex. He was well known in the Muſical World for his Vocal Performances.

The Rev. Mr. John Lloyd is appointed, by the Dean and Chapter of St. Peter at Weſtminſter, Minor Canon of that Collegiate Church, in the room of Mr. Abbot, deceas'd.

And Mr. William Richardſon, of Windſor, to be one of the Choir, in the room of Mr. Lloyd.

Sunday Morning died at Batterſea Mr. Harris, formerly a Merchant in this City in the Hamburgh Trade; but having acquir'd a plentiful Fortune, had retir'd from Buſineſs ſome time ſince.

Monday died in Brewer-ſtreet near Golden-Square, Doctor Gorman, a Phyſician of conſiderable Practice, and good Fortune.

Laſt Tueſday Night died, aged about Ninty, at her Houſe in Baſinghall-Street, the Lady Sambrooke, Daughter of Sir Francis Vanacker, of Erith in Kent, Eſq; and Relict of Sir Jeremy Sambrooke, Knt. She was Mother of three Sons, viz. the late Sir Samuel-Vanacker Sambrooke, Bart. the preſent Sir Jeremy Sambrooke of Gubbins in Hertfordſhire, Bart. and of the late John Sambrooke, Eſq; alſo of ſix Daughters, of whom three were married, viz. Suſannah, to John Freeman, of Fawley-Court in the County of Bucks, Eſq; Katherine, the Relict of Sir William Strickland, of Boynton in Yorkſhire. Bart. and Hannah, married to John Gore, of London, Eſq; By her Death a conſiderable Fortune comes to her eldeſt ſurving Son, Sir Jeremy Sambrooke, Bart.

His Majeſty has preſented the Rev. John Taylor, M. A. to the Rectory of the Pariſh Church of Warpenham, in the County of Northampton.

His Majeſty has alſo preſented the Rev. Robert Luck, M. A. to the Vicarage of Buckland-Bruer, with the Chapels of Buckworth and Eaſt-Putford, in the County of Devon.

The Lord Biſhop of Cheſter has been pleas'd to appoint the Rev. Mr. Arthur May, A. M. to the Vicarage of Tarvin in the County of Cheſter, void by the Death of the laſt Incumbent.

A Diſpenſation is paſ'd the Seals to enable the Rev. Richard Hippiſley, M. A. to hold the Rectory of Stow in the Wold in the County of Glouceſter, together with the Rectory of Stanton Fitzwarren in the County of Wilts.

As likewiſe a Diſpenſation to Joſ. Slade, M. A. to hold the Rectory of South-Moreton in the County of Berks, with the Rectory of Edgcot in the County of Bucks.

The Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor has preſented the Rev. Mr. George Sandby, to the Rectory of Effington, in the County and Dioceſe of Oxford, void by the Death of the laſt Incumbent.

A Grant has paſſed the Great Seal from his Majeſty, of a Reſtoration of all the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which became forfeited to the Crown by the Conviction of Charles Drew, alias Thomas Roberts, for the Murder of his Father, to the reſpective Siſters of the ſaid Charles, and to their Heirs for ever.

For ſome Days paſt a great Number of Men have been employ'd, by Order of the Board of Works, to fell all the old Trees along the Mall in St. James's Park, young ones being order'd to be planted in their Places.

Letters from Suſſex adviſe, that a few Days ago at Arundel a Party of Smugglers endeavouring to run a large Quantity of Tea and other Goods, was met by ſome Cuſtom-houſe Officers, aſſiſted by a Party of Dragoons; the Smugglers not being ſtrong enough to defend themſelves againſt the Body of Officers, &c. a Reinforcement was ſent for from on Board their Veſſel, which came, and an Engagement enſued, wherein the Smugglers gain'd the Advantage, retook their Goods, took two of the Officers Priſoners, and put them on Board their Veſſel, and one of the Dragoons was kill'd.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight Mr. Foſter, and others belonging to the Cuſtom-Houſe, ſeiz'd four Horſes loaded with Tea at Eaſt-Sheen in Surrey, which they brought to the Cuſtom-Houſe: The Horſes and Tea are computed to be worth 300 l.

The ſame Day Meſſ. Simpſon and Lloyd, Cuſtom-Houſe Officers, ſeiz'd eighteen Hogſheads of fine Spaniſh Mountain Wine on board a Veſſel at Erith, lately come from St. Omer's, which they convey'd to the Cuſtom-Houſe. It is eſteem'd the moſt valuable Seizure that has been taken for many Years.

Monday Meſſ. Price and Lloyd, Cuſtom-Houſe Officers, ſeiz'd upwards of 400 Yards of French Lace, at Poplar, and carried it to the Cuſtom-Houſe. It is eſteem'd a valuable Seizure.

They write from Arundel in Suſſex, that laſt Week Mr. Simms, Surveyor of the Cuſtoms, aſſiſted by ſome Soldiers, ſeiz'd a ſmall Veſſel on that Coaſt laden with Engliſh Wooll. By Act of Parliament this Veſſel is a legal Capture, and the Perſons concern'd in running of it deem'd Felons.

It is ſaid that upwards of 26,000 l. has been brought into the Government by Seiſures made by Exciſe and Cuſtom-Houſe Officers, from Jan. 1742 to Jan. 1743.

Laſt Week Mr. Wright, a great Dealer in Horſes at Bethnal-Green, was attack'd near Cambridge by two Highwaymen well mounted, who robb'd him of a Purſe of 40 Guineas, and then made off. Mr. Wright luckily ſav'd a Purſe, wherein were 80 Guineas, by ſlipping it into his Breeches.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight ſome Rogues got into the Grounds of Mr. Hall, a Grazier, at the Halfway Houſe going to Deptford, and kill'd ten of his Sheep, and carried off the Fat.

Laſt Sunday Night, about Eight o'Clock, Mr Farmer, a Weaver in Gravel-Lane, Southwark, was attack'd by ſix Fellows arm'd with Bludgeons, near South Lambeth, in the Road to Clapham; who robb'd him of his Coat and Waiſtcoat, and, after they had taken out of his Breeches Pockets what Money he had, which was about ſeventeen Shillings in Silver, made off.

On Monday laſt Mr. Cannon, a Corn-chandler at Wapping, was attack'd near Hempſtead in Hertfordſhire by two Highwaymen well mounted, who robb'd him of nine een Guineas and ſome Silver, and then rode off, telling him they expected a much greater Sum.

Tueſday Andrew Millar, capitally convicted at the late Seſſions of Admiralty, for the Murder of his Captain in Smyrna, was executed at Wapping.

The Rebels in Lithuania are already become 20,000 ſtrong, and have publiſh'd a Declaration, in which they inſiſt, 1. On the general and perpetual Expulſion of the Jews. 2. On having Leaſes granted them of their Lands. 3. On an Indemnity for what is paſt.

Letters form Leghern ſay, that the French have got together upwards of 800 Tranſports in the Ports of Provence, which are to carry over the Infant Don Philip's Army to Italy; and that, as ſoon as the Breſt and Spaniſh Squadrons at Toulon put to Sea, the Prince of Conti is to attempt the Paſſage of the Alps at the Head of 30,000 French Troops.

The Sea Nymph, Capt. Bramſcomb, from South Carolina, on Saturday in the Afternoon, ſaw fourteen French Men of War off the Back of the Iſle of Wight, three of which were Flag Ships.

The Maſter of a Ship arriv'd at Dublin declares, that about 56 Leagues from Cape Finiſterre he fell in with four French Men of War, three of them 60 Gun Ships, and the other a Three-deck'd Ship; and that they were ſteering as if for the Weſt-Indies, probably to meet the Spaniſh Fleet with the Treaſure on board.

Extract of a Letter from Dover, dated Feb. 19.

'Our Packets are ſtopp'd at Calais, and a general 'Embargo laid in all that Part of France, and no 'Perſon ſuffer'd to go out of the Kingdom: Even the 'Poſt from France to Flanders, &c. is ſtopp'd, ſo 'that there is no getting Intelligence from thence. 'The Mail that came from London for France on 'Thurſday is detain'd here for the above Reaſons.

'You may be aſſur'd that 18 Sail of French Ships 'were laſt Friday off the Iſle of Wight, and that Sir 'John Norris, in the Downs, knew it by Three yeſter-'day in the Afternoon; and yeſterday four Sail of 'French Men of War were off Boulogne, ſteering for 'Dunkirk with a fair Wind: We apprehend the whole 'Breſt Fleet muſt be in the Flemiſh Road by this 'time, as it has blown hard ever ſince at S. S. W. 'or thereabouts. Sir John Norris would have 'weigh'd this Morning, but 'twas impoſſible.

From the London Gazette.

St. James's, Feb. 18. This Day the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of the City of London, waited on his Majeſty with the following Addreſs.

To the King's Moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council aſſembled:

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Mayor, Alderman, and Com-

mons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, having heard that Attempts are forming, by the common Disturbers of the Peace and Tranquility of Europe, in Favour of a Popish Pretender, to interrupt that Happiness we thankfully enjoy under your Majesty's Government, humbly beg Leave to take this earliest Opportunity to express our greatest Concern for, and Abhorrence of, this Indignity intended against your Majesty and these Kingdoms.

We have no Reason to doubt, but that, by the Blessing of God on your Majesty's Arms, our Enemies will be disappointed in their Expectations, (as your Majesty's Subjects must be too sensible of the Blessings of Liberty, Property, and the free Exercise of their Religion, which they enjoy under your most auspicious Reign, to exchange them for a Certain, Arbitrary, and Tyrannical Government; so the Loyalty and Unanimity of your faithful Subjects will greatly tend to discourage these desperate Endeavours to destroy and subvert our excellent Constitution.) We therefore beg Leave most humbly to assure your Majesty of our firm and sincerest Attachment to your sacred Person and Government, and our present happy Establishment in Church and State; and that no Endeavours of Ours shall, (even at the Hazard of our Lives and Fortunes) be wanting to frustrate these Attempts, to the Prejudice of both, and to secure the Laws and Liberties of this Country, and the Protestant Succession in your Majesty's most Illustrious House, to latest Generations.

To which his Majesty was pleas'd to return this most gracious Answer.

I take very kindly this seasonable Mark of your Duty and Affection to me. The City of London may always depend upon my Protection and Favour; and I have the firmest Confidence, that you will exert your Authority upon this Occasion for the Security of the City, and the Preservation of the publick Peace, and for the Support of my Government.

They were receiv'd very graciously, and all had the Honour to kiss his Majesty's Hand: And his Majesty was pleas'd to confer the Honour of Knighthood on the Right Hon. Robert Westley, Esq; Lord Mayor, Mr. Serjeant Simon Urlin, Recorder, Mr. Alderman Daniel Lambert, Mr. Alderman Robert Willimott, Mr. Sheriff Robert Ladbroke, and Mr. Sheriff William Calvert.

Whitehall, Feb. 18. Sir John Norris arriv'd Yesterday, at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon, in the Downs, with his Majesty's Squadron under his Command.

The King has been pleas'd to grant unto Thomas Matthews, Esq; the Office or Place of Rear Admiral of Great Britain, and of the Admiralty thereof, and of Rear Admiral of the Navies and Seas of the said Kingdom.

The King has been pleas'd to constitute and appoint Sir John Cope, Knight of the Bath, and Lieutenant General of his Majesty's Forces, to be Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in Scotland.

The King has been pleas'd to constitute and appoint George Lord Rosse, Richard Somers, Collin Campbell, and Alexander Arbuthnot, Esqrs. together with Mansfeldt Cardonnel, Esq; to be Commissioners for the Receipt and Management of his Majesty's Customs, Salt, and other Duties, in that Part of Great Britain call'd Scotland.

At the Court at St. James's, the 20th Day of February, 1744. PRESENT,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to appoint the following Sheriffs, viz.

Bedfordshire, Hammond Crosse, Esq;
Northamptonshire, John Davall, Esq;
Nottinghamshire, John Lindley, Esq;

From his Royal Highness's Council Chamber at Somerset-House, Feb. 18, 1744.

This Day his Royal Highness was pleased to appoint John Hickes, of Alternun, Esq; to be Sheriff for the County of Cornwall.

BANKRUPTS.

Thomas Richmond, late of King's-Lynn in the County of Norfolk, Merchant.

Moses Brain, of the City of Bristol, Haberdasher of Hats.

General Post-Office, London, Jan. 12, 1743.

WHEREAS the Post-Boy, carrying the North Mail from Huntington *to* Stilton, *was Yesterday the* 11th *Instant, about Six o'Clock in the Evening, attack'd on the Highway, at a Place call'd* Stangate-Hole, *by a single Highwayman, who presented a Pistol to the Post-Boy's Breast, and carried off the following Bags, viz.* Durham, Hull, Boston, Falkingham, Lincoln, Horncastle, Louth, Spalding, Stamford, Bourn *and* Peterborough; *the Person who committed this Robbery is a lusty Man, and had on a large dark Frock over his Coat, his Face was cover'd with Black, and he rode on a dark Sorrel Horse with a White Face, and made off for the* Biggleswade *Road.*

This therefore is to give Notice, That whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, the Person who committed this Robbery, will be entitled to a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, *over and above the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen: Or if any Person or Persons, whether Accomplice in the said Robbery, or knowing thereof, shall make Discovery, whereby the Person who committed the same may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer or Discoverers will, upon Conviction of the Party, be entitled to the same Reward of* Two Hundred Pounds, *and also have his Majesty's most gracious Pardon.*

By Command of the Post-Master-General.

GEO. SHELVOCKE, *Sec.*

General-Post-Office, London, Feb. 8, 1743.

WHEREAS the Post-Boy, going out with the West *Mail from this Office, was this Morning, between Five and Six o'Clock, attack'd on the Highway at the Stealing Place, on the other Side of* Turnham-Green, *by a single Highwayman, who took the said Post-Boy into a Field adjoining to the Road, and open'd the Mail, and carried off the* Exeter *and* Plymouth *Bags: The Person who committed this Robbery is a middle-siz'd Man, and had on a blue Great Coat, with his Hat tied over his Head; and he rode on a Sorrel Horse with a white Face, about fourteen Hands high, and made off for* Acton, *the* Oxford *Road.*

This therefore is to give Notice, That whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, the Person who committed this Robbery, will be intitled to a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, *over and above the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen: Or if any Person or Persons, whether Accomplice in the said Robbery, or knowing thereof, shall make a Discovery, whereby the Person who committed the same may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer or Discoverers will, upon Conviction of the Party, be entitled to the same Reward of* Two Hundred Pounds, *and also have his Majesty's most gracious Pardon.*

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